

Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Prayed from November 2-10)

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Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which You did suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these Blessed Souls in Purgatory. Have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which You did suffer during Your most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which You did suffer in Your most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which You did suffer in carrying Your cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which You did suffer during Your most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which You did suffer in Your most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which You did suffer in breathing forth Your Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

Psalm 130 (for the Holy Souls): Out of the depths I call to You, Lord; Lord, hear my cry! May Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If You, Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with You is forgiveness, and so You are revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and I hope for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is mercy, with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will redeem Israel from all its sins.

Holy Souls, I pledge to pray for you each day during my pilgrimage on earth. I ask that you to pray for the conversion of every person within my family tree and parish boundaries, especially for the atheists, the indifferent, and the addicted. I also ask you to pray for (state your novena intention). Amen.

Blessed Souls, I have prayed for you; I entreat you, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me, a miserable sinner, who struggles in this life and does not want to lose God. Amen.

Pray an **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, & the St. Michael Prayer.**

Purgatory Example: St. Pio of Pietrelcina (died 1968)

He had a special mission through his prayers to release souls from Purgatory. He always spoke in a matter of fact about them.

On one occasion while the friars were at supper one evening, Padre Pio abruptly left the table and dashed to the doorway and began a conversation with some people the other friars could not see. They thought he was going crazy. When he returned to the table, they asked him who he was talking to. He replied, **“Oh, don’t worry, I was talking to some souls who were on their way from Purgatory to Heaven. They stopped here to thank me because I remembered them in my Mass this morning.”**

Padre Pio said to some friars: **“More souls of the dead from Purgatory than of the living climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers.”** This is astounding because thousands upon thousands of pilgrims came to visit San Giovanni Rotondo, where he spent 52 years.

[From: *Padre Pio: The Miracle Worker*, p. 172.]

A Brief Outline of How to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Six General Rules for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence

1. State of grace at least when performing the indulgenced act;
2. Complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
3. Confession (20 days before or after the indulgenced act);
4. Communion (20 days before or after the indulgenced act);
5. Prayers for the Pope (20 days before or after the indulgenced act);
6. Indulgenced act: a special good work with special conditions of place and time.

Indulgenced Acts to be Performed for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence

-From November 1 to 8 (each day): visit a cemetery and make a mental prayer for the poor souls.

-On November 2: visit a church or an oratory and pray at least one Our Father and one Creed.

Partial Indulgence

-A partial indulgence can be obtained at any time by visiting a cemetery and praying for the Poor Souls.

-The following prayer is especially recommended: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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